

## Environmental Bulletin

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### **Proposed Plan Available** for Comment on the Hydrofluoric Acid Spill Operable Unit

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) have reviewed the risks associated with the Hydrofluoric Acid Spill (HFAS) Operable Unit (OU) at the Savannah River Site and are recommending the preferred alternative.

The No Action alternative is the preferred alternative for the HFAS OU. This means that no remedial action will be performed at the HFAS OU. There is no waste to treat, no institutional or engineering controls are required, and there are no applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements. Because there are no problems warranting action at the HFAS OU, no action will be taken. Although the HFAS OU poses no risk to human health or the environment and warrants unrestricted land use, the HFAS OU is located within the Central Shops area which is designated as a heavy industrial use zone. For this reason, the land use for the HFAS OU will remain industrial as described in the current DOE future land use report. However, no institutional controls will be required for the HFAS OU to ensure industrial future use.

No capital and/or operation and maintenance costs will be involved for this action.

The preferred alternative can change in response to public comments or new information.

The public comment period is scheduled for January 17, 2005 to February 16, 2005. Comments on the Proposed Plan are requested by February 16, 2005. Upon completion of the public comment period, a Responsiveness Summary will be prepared which addresses public comments. The Responsiveness Summary will be made available with the Record of Decision, and will be sent to each person who submits comments.

Copies of the Proposed Plan are available in the administrative record, which also contains the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study report for these units.

The administrative record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Proposed Plan are available at the following:

- Reese Library at Augusta State University in Augusta,
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

Comments on the Proposed Plan modification should be sent to:

#### **SCDHEC**

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Comments on the Proposed Plan and requests for public meetings may be sent to:

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